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SUBJECT: Public Transportation (School Bus) – Exemption

REFERENCES: IC 6-2.5-5-27, 45 IAC 2.2-5-61, 45 IAC 2.2-5-62,

45 IAC 2.2-5-63

Form ST-135SB is for use by individuals engaged in public transportation under contract or lease with a primary or secondary, public or private school corporation in lieu of the requirement that the individual be registered as a retail merchant. The ST-135SB is a sales and use tax exemption certificate executed by the individual to the seller. The individual utilizes his/her social security number in lieu of a Registered Retail Merchants Certificate Number. The vehicle identification number (VIN) is also required upon the certificate.

If an individual utilizes an oil or petroleum company credit card, the certificate must be submitted directly to the credit card company and not to the station dealer. Additionally, an ST-135SB may not be used on purchases of gasoline from stationary metered-pumps. For such purchases the individual should obtain a receipt book, form STR-100, from the Department of Revenue and have the station attendant complete same at the time of sale. The individual should then forward the completed receipts together with a claim for refund form GA-110LMP and completed ST-135SB to the Department for a sales tax refund. Form STR-100, receipt book, is available at cost.

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